

Stormwater Pollution Prevention

The stormwater and melted snow that runs off of the roadway, roofs and sidewalks in your neighborhood is eventually discharged to the nearest brook, stream, pond or wetland in your area. If certain contaminants come in contact with stormwater runoff from your neighborhood, these resources areas may become polluted. Your individual actions can help protect Graftons resources.

What you can do to protect Water Resources in Grafton:

- Do not place anything in the storm drain. **Only rain should go down the drain.**
- Eliminate or minimize fertilizer use.
- Choose slow release types of fertilizer with no phosphorus.
- Do not put leaves in storm drain. Collect for composting or proper disposal.
- Do not let rooftop drain to pavement. Direct your rooftop runoff over vegetation or into a dry well to promote infiltration into the ground.
- Pick up all pet waste and compost, bury, or dispose with sanitary waste.
- Use a car wash or wash cars so runoff goes on to the lawn, not the street, and minimize soap.
- Do not clean driveways by hosing dirt into the street. Collect sweepings and put in trash.
- Keep you neighborhood litter free.
- Do not use pesticides.
- Limit the use of sand and salt and promptly remove when weather permits.
- Don't feed the ducks or geese.

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